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From my CHAMBERS, *Lincoln's-Inn.*

According to my Promise in my last I insert the following Scene. This miscellaneous Manner of making Observations on Mankind may, to some Criticks, seem unjustifiable; but, in my Opinion, such miscellaneous Dialogues may have all the Force of a regular Essay, and be more entertaining from the Variety of Characters which are introduced. —I have no more to observe by way of Introduction, but that the next Scene is in *Pall-Mall*, at the Lodgings of Sir *William Trifle*, who is lately arriv'd from his Travels.

NOON.

A MODERN CONVERSATION.

Sir William Trifle, Airy, Sparkish *and* Manly.

Air. YOUR Return to *England* has given an inexpressible Pleasure, Sir *William*, to all your Friends: We may not have been said to have liv'd without you; we lost the Life of Pleasure and Conversation when you went abroad; we were, as it were, a Body without a Soul.

Spark. Nothing but the Thoughts that you was enjoying new Pleasures, and new Gallantries, could have given us any Consolation; though we did not share with you in them, it would have been cruel to have envy'd you the Enjoyment of them.

Sir *W. Trifle.* I am oblig'd to you, Gentlemen, that I had any Share of your Thoughts: You would not have lost me if I could any way have avoided it; but my Guardian insisted that I should make a Tour, which, 'faith, I found agreeable enough.

Airy. Oh! it must be infinitely agreeable——to see the gay *Je ne scay quoy* of the *French* Ladies, who have none of the dull Reserve of our *English* Prudes, must give a Man of Spirit a thousand Gaieties *de Cœur* which he never felt before.——

Spark. Nay, I will say that for our *English* Women, if they are more reserv'd than the *French*, it is not their Faults; they do all they can to come up to them; they imitate all their Customs; and was it not for the common People, it would be difficult to say whether we were at *London* or *Paris*.

Sir *W. Trifle.* No, no, *Sparkish*, the Air of our Island is too phlegmatic for Gallantry; and where our Women aim at Imitation they don't come half way to the Original: If our Ladies will receive a Morning Visit in an Undress, the *French* will receive theirs in Bed; nor is any thing more common than for a Woman of Gallantry to have three or four Sparks sitting round her Bed-side in a *tete a tete* Conversation at Breakfast.

Airy. Igad I should like such a Fashion wonderfully:——I would Breakfast with Mrs. *Lively* every Morning.——You must have enjoy'd the Conversation of a great many fine Ladies in Bed then, Sir *William*. Ha, ha, ha.

Sir *W. Trifle.* O that is nothing!——I have handed many a Marchioness out of Bed with only her Under-Petticoat on, and a loose Bed-Gown; sat afterwards by her at her Toilet while she dress'd her Head and painted her Face.——

Manly. Paint, Sir *William!* If they use Art, are they publick in the Use of it?

Sir *W. Trifle.* Yes, they make no Secret of it; it is the Fashion: Nor do they so much endeavour to imitate Nature as the Fashion. A Woman there *without* much Paint, is as ridiculous as a Woman *with* much here.

Manly. Methinks some Inconveniences should attend such a Mode.

Sir *W. Trifle.* Ay, some little ones;——such as happen'd to me once.——My Cheek and a Lady of Quality's had been too near together, and I carried away Vermillion enough for half a *Saracen's* Head. ——Another Time I was oblig'd to salute an old Lady, who, by the Bye, had a bristly Beard, which even came through the Plaister, which had lik'd to have cost me a Duel with an old Marqui, her humble Servant;——and only for comparing myself to *Pyramus*, who kiss'd *Thisbe* through a Wall.

Airy, Spark. Ha, ha, ha!

Manly. But do the Husbands of the Ladies approve of their taking such Liberties? Don't they receive these *Bed-side Visitants* with an ill Grace?

Sir *W. Trifle.* With the utmost Complaisance.—— They would rather be displeased if they did not pay these *Devoirs* to their Wives.——I have held the *Portugal* Dish to a Countess, nay, once lac'd the Stays of a Dutchess, before their Husbands.

Manly. A Woman, in my Opinion, who would allow such Liberties, would allow more.—I hope our Countrywomen will not come up to this Fashion, or if they would, I hope their Husbands would not let them.

Spark. You have no Taste for Gallantry, *Manly*, but are a dull, plodding Lover, and confine your Thoughts as much to *Aurelia*, as if you was already her Husband.

Airy. He already has the Jealousy of one.

Sir *W. Trifle.* What, *Manly*, does that Amour subsist still?——I thought you would have brought it to an *Eclaircisment* long enough ago.—Thou art as constant a Swain as was ever sung in Ditty, or made Figure in Romance.

Manly. You, I know, Sir *William*, have always more Amours upon your Hands than one.——Pray how do you manage?

Sir *W. Trifle.* I visit the handsomest Women in whatever Place I chance to reside: I don't confine myself to one, nor do I leave them 'till I am on very good Terms with them all;—and then I give them all the Slip:—For between you and me, I am a sad Dog.——

Spark. Just my way 'faith, Sir *William*.

Airy. And mine.

Manly. And do you obtain last Favours?

Sir *W. Trifle.* Umph!——Sometimes.——But when I don't, there is Pleasure in alarming a Woman; and when she thinks she has me fast, to pop out of her Hands, and leave her to put Finger in Eye, and sob 'till she breaks her poor Heart almost.

Manly. I should think this would ruin you with the Ladies, as all would be afraid of so inconstant a Lover.

Sir *W. Trifle.* There you mistake: Women have a Pride in having a Lover who has left another Mistress; 'tis look'd on as a Proof of her superior Charms; and she has Vanity enough to think she has Power enough to fix the *Rover*.

Manly. But does not this cause some Uneasiness in Families?

Sir *W. Trifle.* Ay, make a Husband run mad, or drive a Father into Despair, or so.

Airy. That's all.——Why do you seem concern'd, Monsieur *Gravesire*?——There's a Knot of us young Fellows who spend all our Time in such Frolicks. ——And where's the Harm of all this?

Manly. Where's the *Harm*? Is there no Harm in robbing an innocent Woman of her Peace of Mind, if not her Virtue? Is there no Harm in depriving a Father of his Daughter, a Husband of his Wife, and bring Distraction into a Family, which would otherwise be happy? The Laws hang a Fellow for stealing the Value of a Shilling: There are none to punish Thiefts of the most heinous Nature: But I look upon the Men who commit the last without Punishment, as ten times greater Villains than those who are punish'd for the first.

Spark. Most virtuous Sir, you may think as you have a Mind to it; but pray grant an Act of Toleration to those who dissent from you.

Sir *W. Trifle.* *Manly*, you are too serious;—— half so much at *Paris* might have cost you a Duel. ——'Tis a Sign you have not been abroad.

Manly. These are universal Truths which will hold good, as well at *Paris* as at *London*, at *Grand Cairo* as at *Mexico*.

Spark. Pray, Gentlemen, let me sum up this Dispute; you, *Manly*, are an Advocate for Constancy in Men; you, Sir *William*, are against it.——To decide this Point, I will only ask this Question:—— Is it not as ridiculous for a Man to swear to a Woman he will always love her, as to resolve he will always enjoy Health or Happiness?——When he promises he will always love her, he supposes that she, on her Side, will undertake to continue always *Lovely*, and if she fails on her Part, he thinks himself no longer bound on his.

Manly. Come, come, let us cease the Dispute—— for we shall never agree in our Sentiments.—— How are you engag'd this Afternoon, Sir *William*?

Sir *W. Trifle.* I shall go down to the Court of *Requests* to meet Sir *Amorous Ogle*, we dine together; after which, we are to be of a Party at Madam *Matadores*, where we shall trifle away an Hour or two with her pretty Nieces, and then go to the Grand *Masquerade*, at the Dutchess of *N*——'s.

Manly. Where you are to trifle away the greatest Part of the Night.——Pardon me, Sir *William*—— you know my blunt way——but I was going to say, that——

Sir *W. Trifle.* Nay, out with it.

——That this *Trifling* is a very important Article in some Peoples Lives: It is a *Trifling* or *Toying* in the Mind which pleases Women, by amusing them agreeably, and promising every Moment what cannot be perform'd but in too long Intervals: This *Trifling*, naturally made for *Toilets*, *Tea*, and *Card Tables*, forms many great Characters: There has been *Trifling* at a Council Board; there has been *Trifling* at the Head of Navies; there has been *Trifling* in Embassies: ——But I hope these Things only have been, and that the World may be convinced, that *British* Senates are such Enemies to *Trifling*, that they will make no *trifling Enquiry* about the preceding Trifles; nor by Arts, Promises, or Rewards, be *trifled* with.

Sir *W. Trifle.* Thank you, *Frank*, for you extempore Dissertation: I could *Repartee* upon you; but that would give you Scope for another, and I have not Time now to play a Set of Wit with you.

Manly. Nor I;——therefore, Gentlemen, adieu.

[*Exit*]

Airy. What an odd Creature! yet the Fellow is good-natur'd in the Main.——Come, Sir *William*, shall we go; 'tis almost Three, we shall miss of Sir *Amorous*.

Sir *W. Trifle. Tom*, is the *Landau* at the Door?

Tom. Yes, please your *Honour*.——

Sir *W. Trifle.* Come, *Allons* then;——nay, Gentlemen, no Ceremonies.

[*Exeunt.*]

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Leghorn, Feb. 3. The 27th of last Month we had so dreadful an Earthquake that there is scarce one House left in the Town fit to be inhabited; the Churches have also receiv'd great Damage. All the Inhabitants have retir'd into the Country, or on board the Vessels in the Harbour.

Genoa, Feb. 7. The combin'd Fleets are at Port Spetia, making Dispositions to secure themselves, as well as they can, from any Attack. They have four Ships out on the Cruize, one French Frigate is off Cape Corse, and three Spanish Men of War between Porto Spetia and Cape dell Mell; so that this Port is in a manner block'd up. Several Transports with Troops are arriv'd.

Vienna, Feb. 10. Philip Lewis, hereditary Treasurer of the Holy Roman Empire, Count of Sintzendorff, Baron of Ernstbrun, Lord of Gesoll, &c. Knight of the Order of the Golden Fleece, actual Counsellor of State and of Conference, and Great Chancellor of the Court, died the 8th Instant of an Inflammation in the Bowels, aged 71.

Francfort, Feb. 18. The Emperor is almost recover'd of his late Illness.

Utrecht, Feb. 23. The last Letters from the Empire bring Advice, that the Troops under the Command of the Prince of Saxe Hildbourghausen summon'd the City of Munich to surrender on the 11th Instant, and the Gates were immediately open'd to them: The City has been taxed two Millions of Florins Contribution. The greatest Part of the Bavarian Troops are retiring towards Ingolstadt. Baron Pfitzner, whom the Queen of Hungary lately sent to the King of Prussia, is come back to Vienna without his Errand: His Prussian Majesty is making the necessary Dispositions for opening the Trenches before Spielberg. Ten thousand Hungarians are assembling in the Passes of Jablunckа, in order to make an Invasion into the Lower Silesia. Count d'Uhlefeldt is made a Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the room of the late Count Sintzendorff. A French Secretary is arriv'd at Vienna, charg'd with a private Commission.

From the Paris A la main.

Hague, Feb. 10. We hear from Paris, that the King has sent a Courier to the Queen of Hungary with Dispatches to the following Purpose: That her Hungarian Majesty is enjoin'd to acknowledge the Elector of Bavaria as Emperor before the End of this Month; to withdraw her Troops from the Dominions of his Imperial Majesty, and cease the Cruelties exercised there by her Troops; that if Matters do not turn out as his Most Christian Majesty demands, Reprisals will be made in all manner of Shapes.

Francfort, Feb. 14. A particular Account of the grand Ceremony we saw here the Day before Yesterday, would be very tedious both to the Writer and the Reader. I shall therefore only take Notice, That the Emperor was receiv'd at the Cathedral by the Chiefs of the Embassies from the several Electors, and 100 Cannon were discharg'd round the Town, as they were a-second Time after the Ceremony, which lasted three Hours. When the Emperor was conducted to the Townhouse the Elector's first Ministers began the Procession, and were followed by the Count de Papenheim Hereditary Marshal of the Empire, who carried the Sword of State. Then came the Emperor under a Canopy adorn'd with Silver Fringe, and the Imperial Eagle embroider'd in Black, and borne by Ten of the Deputies of the City Council. The Emperor walk'd with the Imperial Crown on his Head, supported by the Electors of Mentz and Cologne. While he shew'd himself at the Windows to the Populace, who made the Air ring with their Acclamations, the Count de Papenheim came on Horseback in his Robes of Ceremony, and filling a Silver Measure with Oats he carried it into the Hall, after which the rest of the Oats were left to the Populace. Then the chief Minister of the Elector Palatine's Embassy took a Plate of Roast-beef and carried it to the Emperor's Table, after which the rest of it was also left to be scrambled for. The Chief of the Brandenbourg Embassy fetch'd some Water, and carried it to the Emperor's Table; and the Count de Stolberg, a Plenipotentiary of the Elector of Hanover, who is Archtreasurer of the Empire, scatter'd both Gold and Silver Species among the Populace. All this Time two Fountains ran, one with White, and the other with Red Wine. And about six in the Evening there was another Discharge of 100 Guns.

Extract of a Letter from the Hague, Feb. 24. *N. S.*

'We have just now received certain Advice of the Victory gain'd by her Hungarian Majesty's Forces in the Kingdom of Bohemia, which now appears to be of greater Importance than was at first reported.

'Marshal Broglio, who commands in chief the Forces of the Allies in Bohemia, perceiving that his Men daily deserted, and that the Country People were entirely devoted to the Service of her Hungarian Majesty, that the Bavarians afforded him little or no Assistance, and earnestly desired to return home in order to defend their Country, resolved to make a Virtue of Necessity, and while he had yet an Army under his Command, to make some Attempt for redressing these Mischiefs. With this View he assembled his Forces on the third, and made the necessary Dispositions for attacking the Austrians in their Entrenchments at Budweis as early as possible the next Morning.

'Prince Charles of Lorrain, who commanded the Austrian Troops, had caus'd all the Avenues to the Town to be well fortify'd, and thrown up some good Entrenchments before a little Plain which lies on the Right of the Place, and where his Cavalry were posted during the Time of the Action. His Foot were drawn up so as to be cover'd by the Artillery, and every Thing was done with such Coolness and Caution, that they expected the Enemy three Quarters of an Hour before they began the Attack. The French and Bavarians made three desperate Assaults, and though they were repulsed with considerable Loss, were brought up by their Officers a fourth Time, when the Austrians perceiving that they were quite exhausted, quitted their fortify'd Posts, and fell upon them with such Fury, that they were entirely defeated, the Austrian Cavalry continuing the Pursuit for several Hours. Their Loss is said to amount to 3500 kill'd, and 5000 wounded. It is remarkable that the Austrians gave Quarter to the Bavarians, and refused it to the French. We have just now receiv'd Advice that a Body of Hungarian Troops have penetrated into Silesia, so that the War will be again kindled in that Country.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Feb. 11. Tuesday last, on receiving the News of a Reconciliation, and that Sir Robert Walpole had resign'd all his Employments, the Musick Bells were set a Playing, and in the Evening the great Bells were rung, as on the Days of publick Rejoycings. The Cadies erected a Bonfire at the Cross, and burnt some Persons in Effigie.

Thursday last James Stewart Mackenzie, of Rosehall, Esq; was unanimously elected Member of Parliament for the Shire of Argyll.

LONDON.

At a General Meeting of the Independent Electors of the City and Liberty of Westminster, held on Wednesday at the Fountain Tavern in the Strand, it was unanimously agreed that the following Representation be deliver'd to their Members.

To the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount PERCEVAL,
And
CHARLES EDWIN, *Esq;*

WE the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster cannot avoid taking the first Opportunity of paying our most grateful Acknowledgments for your faithful Behaviour during this short, but important Period of Parliament; and tho' we have no Reason to doubt your steady Perseverance, yet we cannot think it altogether improper to acquaint you with our Sentiments on the present Crisis of Affairs;—a Crisis which we apprehend must determine the Fate of us and our Posterity, and render this Kingdom either a Glory or Scoff among the Nations.

We have beheld, with the deepest Concern, such Measures pursued for many Years past, as have manifestly tended to disgrace the Name, betray the Interests, ruin the Trade, weaken the Liberties, and depress the Courage of the British Nation. It is now with the most sensible Pleasure we behold the agreeable Prospect of being deliver'd from the fatal Effects of such Measures, by the Virtue of a truly British Parliament, and the Removal of those Persons who, supported by the Influence of Corruption (that Canker of our Constitution) have too long wanton'd in the Abuse of Power, and mock'd the Calamities of an almost despairing People.

But as the melancholy Experience of past Times evinces, that the Removal of the Person of a Minister from the Helm, is insufficient for securing the Interests and Liberties of a People, while his Creatures, his Maxims, and his Views, are entail'd upon the Government; we therefore hope you will most strenuously oppose them, and endeavour to procure us such a constitutional Security as may prevent this Kingdom from suffering by the like Errors or Iniquities for the future.

As the strictest Enquiry only can satisfy, so nothing but the most rigorous Justice ought to avenge an injur'd People; it is therefore we earnestly intreat you to make a diligent Scrutiny into the Authors of those Grievances we have so long groan'd under, and not suffer Impunity to be the Lot of the Oppressor:—Justice is a Duty you owe to Posterity, as Examples are most likely to prevent future Evils:—Should the Disturber of the Publick be permitted the Enjoyment of private Tranquility, or his Influence remain in those Councils from which his Person is remov'd, we conceive that such an Event at this Juncture must give a fatal Encouragement, or rather Sanction, to a wanton and wicked Exercise of Power in all succeeding Ministers;—Lenity to such a one would be Cruelty to the Nation; and the calling to a severe Account the Instruments of pernicious Measures, however unavailing to procure us Reparation for what is past, may have the happy Effect of henceforth preventing the like Violations of the Constitution, the like Profusion of publick Treasure at home, and the like Prostitution of the publick Faith and Honour abroad.

We zealously recommend to your Endeavours the extirpating those Party Distinctions, which tho' their Foundation have long ceas'd to exist, were yet so industriously fomented among us, in order to serve the mischievous Purposes of a Ministerial Tyranny, and in Opposition to the real and permanent Interests of the present Royal Family. The common Interest, it is hop'd, has now united all Parties and Persuasions, and every Man will be regarded only as he prefers the Welfare and Liberties of his Country to any private Dependance or venal Consideration whatever.

Thursday his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales waited on his Majesty at St. James's, and met with a most gracious Reception. On this Occasion Bonfires were made in several Parts of Westminster.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had the same Day a Guard sent him from St. James's.

Thursday the Right Hon. the Earl of Orford took the Oaths and his Seat in the House of Peers.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Mr. Vere, Son of Thomas Vere, Esq; Member of Parliament for Norwich, to be one of the Commissioners of the Salt Office, in the room of William Wynde, Esq; deceas'd.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have appointed Mr. David Faikney to be one of the Surveyors of the Duty on Houses in London, a Place worth 100 l. per Annum.

Robert Ord, Esq; Member of Parliament for Morpeth in Northumberland, is appointed Secretary to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the room of Henry Legg, Esq; Member of Parliament for Oxford.

Thursday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships were pleased to appoint Capt. Rupert Warren, late Captain of the Greyhound, to be Captain of the Lark, a 40 Gun Ship.

Thursday the Most Hon. the Marquess of Tweedale, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, appointed Andrew Mitchell, Esq; Under Secretary.

Last Week Counsellor Dennison and Counsellor Leeds were called to the Degree of Serjeants at Law in the Court of Common-Pleas. And,

Likewise Mr. Serjeant Dennison took his Place in the Court of King's-Bench as one of the Judges thereof, in the room of Mr. Justice Page, deceas'd.

Last Week four considerable Clerks in the Excise-Office appear'd before the Board, and, a-la-mode the Great, resign'd their Employs.

We hear Accounts daily arrive in Town from Officers of several Regiments, and from the Friends of the Officers of the Marines; (now with Admiral

Vernon) of what vaſt Sums of Money they paid for their Commiſſions to *a certain Secretary*; which it's expected will occaſion a Parliamentary Enquiry.

The Merchants are to be heard on their Petition, concerning the Depredations of the Spaniards, on Wedneſday next.

We hear a Bill will be brought into Parliament to prevent the Tranſlation of Biſhops, and for the better Proviſion of the Clergy, by providing againſt holding *in Commendam*.

Tueſday the ſecond and third Regiments of Foot-Guards were muſter'd on the Parade in St. James's Park.

The ſecond Regiment then receiv'd Orders to be ready, with their Knapſacks and other Accoutrements, &c. at an Hour's Warning.

Seventeen Thouſand Britiſh Forces, we hear, will ſhortly be ſent to the Relief of her Hungarian Majeſty. The Britiſh Troops once in our Time ſav'd the Empire; and Bavaria may a ſecond time feel the Effects of the Lion's Rage, who ſeems now to be rous'd out of his long Lethargy.

It is ſaid Advice is come, that the King of Sardinia is ſoon to marry the ſecond Archduchеſs, and has order'd 40,000 Men to aſſiſt the Queen of Hungary.

They write from Portſmouth, that the Tartar Man of War ſail'd from thence on Tueſday laſt; and 'tis ſaid has carried ſome Diſpatches for Admiral Haddock; which is the rather believ'd, as ſhe is eſteem'd one of the beſt ſailing Ships in the Navy.

From Halifax in Yorkſhire they write, that upon the Receipt of the News of Sir R—— W——'s reſigning his Places, there were great Demonſtrations of Joy, as ringing of Bells, Bonfires, &c. as is uſual on other Days remarkably productive of general Benefits to the Kingdom.

Thurſday Morning Edward Horne, of Pirton in the County of Oxon, Eſq; was married at Kenſington, to Miſs Heade, only Siſter of Thomas Heade, of Langley in the County of Bucks, Eſq; a young Lady of fine Accompliſhments, with a Fortune of 6000 l. As ſoon as the Ceremony was over, the new married Couple ſet out for Mr. Horne's Seat at Pirton aforeſaid.

Thurſday laſt Thomas Warner, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; Son of Aſhton Warner, Eſq; Attorney-General of the Leeward Iſlands, was married at St. George's Church, Hanover-ſquare, to Miſs Kerby, Daughter of Thomas Kerby, of Billiter-ſquare, Eſq; a Lady of the great Merit, and a very conſiderable Fortune.

Thurſday ſe'nnight Mr. Farmer, Son of a wealthy Timber Merchant in Spittle-fields, was married at Stepney Church, to Miſs Thomaſon, Daughter of Mr. Thomaſon, of Lombard-ſtreet, an agreeable Lady, with a handſome Fortune. Immediately after the Marriage Ceremony was over, Mr. Farmer's Father complain'd of a Pain in his Head, and went into the Veſtry, where he ſat ſome Time, but the Pain encreaſing he was oblig'd to be carry'd home, and notwithſtanding all imaginable Care was taken, he died at Six o'Clock the ſame Evening.

Capt. Gage, an Officer well known in the Guards, who was Adjutant alſo of Col. Wolfe's Regiment of Marines, and was coming to England for Recruits, died in his Paſſage from Jamaica.

On the 9th Inſt. died, at her Seat at Erſcot in Wiltſhire, the Right Hon. the Count. Dowager of Ancaſter.

On Saturday laſt died at his Houſe in Great Pultney-ſtreet, George Muſgrave, Eſq; who married a Daughter of Sir Arthur Chicheſter, of Raleigh in Devonſhire, Bart. and Siſter to the late Sir John Chicheſter.

Saturday died at his Houſe in the Bird-Cage-Walk in St. James's-Park, Col. Lettler, Colonel of a Company of Grenadiers in the Firſt Regimentof Foot-Guards.

Laſt Saturday died, in Frith-ſtreet, Soho, in the Twenty-ſeventh Year of her Age, the Honourable Mrs. Staunton, Daughter to the Right Honourable the Lord Barnard, and Niece to his Grace the late Duke of Newcaſtle. She was married to Thomas Staunton, of Stockgrove in the County of Bucks, Eſq; and Member of Parliament for Galway in the Kingdom of Ireland.

On Sunday died at his Houſe in Ax-Yard, Weſtminſter, William Beaver, Eſq; Steward to the Right Hon. the Earl of Halifax, and Chief Clerk in the New Annuity Office in the Exchequer: His Place as Clerk in the Annuity Office is in the Gift of the Lord Walpole, Auditor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Tape is appointed to ſucceed him, as Clerk in the New Annuity Office.

On Tueſday laſt died of a Fever in Bedford-ſtreet, Covent-Garden, aged 27, William Hale, of King's-Walden in the County of Hereford, Eſq; a Gentleman of near 3000 l. per Ann. He died a Batchelor, and his Eſtate deſcends to his Brother Paggin Hale, Eſq;

Thurſday Morning died, at his Chambers in Coney-Court, Gray's-Inn, William Ruck, Eſq; at Attorney at Law, a Gentleman of a large Eſtate, which deſcends to his younger Brother, Mr. George Ruck.

On Wedneſday the Rev. Nathaniel Bliſs, M. A. was unanimouſly elected Savilian Profeſſor of Geometry, in the Univerſity of Oxford, in the room of Dr. Edmund Halley, deceas'd.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. John Turner, M. A. Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Ancaſter, to hold the Vicarage of Garthorp, in the County of Lancaſter and Dioceſe of Lincoln, together with the Rectory of Stretton, in the County of Rutland and Dioceſe of Peterborough.

Monday a Preſentation paſs'd the Seals to the Rev. Mr. Hugh Burdet, to hold the Vicarage of Newington in the County of Kent and Dioceſe of Canterbury.

As did a Preſentation to the Rev. Mr. George Langworth, to hold the Vicarage of Heckingham in the County of Devon and Dioceſe of Exeter by Ceſſion.

And likewiſe a Preſentation to the Rev. Mr. Robert Billis, to hold the Vicarage of Nun-Eaton in the County of Warwick and Dioceſe of Litchfield and Coventry.

On Saturday laſt two of the Newington Coaches were robb'd near that Town by a ſingle Highwayman, very poorly mounted; but whoſe Behaviour was ſo well manag'd, that ſeveral People, who paſs'd by at the Time, imagin'd that he was ſpeaking to his Acquaintance, or elſe they could eaſily have taken him, as they afterwards declar'd, on hearing of the Robbery.

Laſt Week Mary Maſham, Diana Davis, Anne Campbell and Elizabeth Rowel were committed to Bridewell by Col. De Veil, as was Katherine Lewis by Juſtice Frazier, for hawking unſtamp'd News Papers.

A Swediſh Ship, it's ſaid, has brought an Account, that the French Conſul at Algiers, and all his Family, are impriſon'd there; that the Bey has ſeiz'd ſeven rich Ships of that Nation which were in the Harbour, and made Slaves of the Men; and that all the Effects belonging to the French Merchants are likewiſe ſeiz'd. The Algerines proceed thus violently againſt the French, becauſe the Governor of Toulon ſuffer'd an Algerine Ship to be taken by a Spaniſh Man of War under the Cannon of that Place.

A Dutch Ship, Dirk de Leeuw Maſter, bound from Yarmouth to Venice, has been taken by a Spaniſh Privateer, and carried into Oran.

An Algerine called the Manquerend, took out of the Pernambucca Fleet the Ship commanded by Henry Martin, with 500 Cheſts of Sugar.

The ſame Corſair hath alſo taken the Ship commanded by Pieter Geer of Luders, bound from Hamburgh for Marſeilles.

Circuits appointed for the Lent Aſſizes.

Norfolk Circuit.

Lord Chief Baron Probyn,
Mr. Juſtice Chappell.

Bucks, Monday, March 8, at Aileſbury.
Bedford, Thurſday, March 11, at Bedford.
Huntington, Saturday, March 13, at the Town o. Huntington.
Cambridge, Monday, March 15, at the Caſtle.
Norfolk, Thurſday, March 18, at Thetford.
Suffolk, Monday, March 22, at St. Edmund's-Buryf

Weſtern Circuit.

Mr. Juſtice Burnet,
Mr. Juſtice Denniſon.

Southampton, Tueſday, March 9, at the Caſtle of Wincheſter.
Wilts, Saturday, March 13, at New Sarum.
Dorſet, Thurſday, March 18, at Dorcheſter.
Cornwall, Wedneſday, March 24, at Launceſton.
City of *Exeter*, Monday, March 29, at the Guild-hall of the ſaid City.
Devonſhire, The ſame Day at the Caſtle of Exeter.
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Cheſter Circuit.

Matthew Skinner, Eſq;
The Hon. John Talbot, Eſq;

Montgomery, Tueſday, March 30, at Pool.
Denbighſhire, Tueſday, April 6, at Ruthin.
Flintſhire, Monday, April 12, at Flint.
Cheſhire, Saturday, April 17, at Cheſter.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Feb. 11. The King has been pleaſed to appoint Gwyn Vaughan, Eſq; a Commiſſioner of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in the room of Edward Riggs, Eſq; deceas'd.

The King has likewiſe been pleaſed to appoint David Papillon, Eſq; a Commiſſioner of Exciſe, in the room of Sir Thomas Robinſon, Bart. who is appointed Governor of Barbadoes.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto the Right Hon. George Earl of Cardigan, the Office of Warden, and Chief Juſtice in Eyre of all his Majeſty's Foreſts, Parks, Chaces and Warrens beyond Trent, in the room of his Grace Peregrine Duke of Ancaſter and Keſtevan, deceas'd.

The King has been pleaſed to grant unto Samuel Sandys, Eſq; the Office of Chancellor and Under Teller of his Majeſty's Exchequer, in the room of the Right Hon. Robert Earl of Orford.

St. James, Feb. 12. This Day the Right Hon. William Earl of Harrington, having reſign'd the Seals into his Majeſty's Hands, the King was pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. John Lord Carteret to be one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſ'd to declare the Right Hon. William Earl of Harrington Lord Preſident of his Majeſty Moſt Honourable Privy Council, and his Lordſhip took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day the Right Hon. John Lord Carteret was, by his Majeſty's Command, ſworn one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Majeſty having been pleaſed to appoint Charles Hanbury Williams, Eſq; to be Lieutenant of the County of Hereford, he this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Whitehall, Feb. 16. The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. Spencer, Earl of Wilmington, Knight of the Moſt Noble Order of the Garter, Samuel Sandys and George Compton, Eſqrs. Sir John Ruſhout, Bart. and Philips Gibbon, Eſq; to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

This Day, by his Majeſty's Command, the Moſt Honourable John Marqueſs of Tweedale, was ſworn of his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council; as likewiſe one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State of Great Britain, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day the Right Hon. Samuel Sandys, Eſq; Chancellor and Under-Treaſurer of the Exchequer, was, by his Majeſty's Command, ſworn of his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

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Caſualties. Broken Leg 1 Exceſſive Drinking 2 Found dead 2 Hang'd herſelf 1 Overlaid 2 Scalded 1 Starv'd 1.
Chriſten'd Males 137 Females 140 In all 277
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Increas'd in the Burials this Week 142

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